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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the enclosed Taiwan International Patent Search Report dated May 27, 2007. U.S. Patent No. 6,461,438 is a counterpart of TW-518639; U.S. Patent No. 6,402,508 is a counterpart of TW-501164; U.S. Patent No. 7,037,797 is a counterpart of TW-495813 and U.S. Patent No. 6,534,750 is a counterpart of TW-476983.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application. A first Office Action has issued for this application. Hence, a check in the amount of \$180.00 is submitted with this Statement.

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	AN	TW 495813	7/21/02	Taiwan			Abstract	
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